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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: NATO, OCON, AWACS, MILI, BE
SUBJECT: NATO AEW: US POSITION AT SPECIAL MINISTERIAL

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1. WE PRESENTED U.S. POSITION ON AWACS AS GIVEN IN REFTEL
TO ERIK BAL, FOREIGN MINISTRY'S HEAD OF NATO AFFAIRS, MARCH 22.
BAL, WHO WAS BELGIAN DEPUTY PERMREP AT NATO UNTIL RECENTLY
WAS THOROUGHLY CONVERSANT WITH ISSUE AND PROMISED TO BRING
OUR POSITION TO MINISTER OF DEFENSE VANDEN BOEYNANTS'
ATTENTION BEFORE MARCH 25 MEETING.

2. BAL REVIEWED DIFFICULTIES OUR REQUEST FOR AD REFERENDUM
TO GOVERNMENTS COMMITMENT BY MINISTERS OF DEFENSE TO AWACS
CAUSED IN VIEW OF FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS (APRIL 17) AND
PRESENT BUDGET DIFFICULTIES. HE RECOGNIZED THAT
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FUNDING WAS NOT THE IMMEDIATE ISSUE, AND THAT DEMON-
STRATION OF ALLIED SOLIDARITY WAS. HE TOLD US THAT
BELGIAN SOCIALIST PARTY, WHICH IS A LIKELY PARTNER IN
THE POST-ELECTION GOVERNMENT, WAS ON RECORD AS OPPOSED
TO NEW SPENDING ON DEFENSE. THIS POSITION WOULD AFFECT
VANDEN BOEYNANTS' ROOM FOR MANEUVER AT MARCH 25 MEETING.
BAL WAS NOT ABLE TO PREDICT WHAT POSITION VANDEN

BOEYNANTS WOULD TAKE, BUT REPORTED THAT HE WOULD STRESS
U.S. POSITION TO HIM. RENNER

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